

Japan Explorations
 Estimated Budget
 Summer 2026

Fees billed to Student's ISU Account by Study Abroad Office

	<5 students
Study Abroad Non-Instructional Costs	\$ 600.00
Study Abroad Non-Refundable Application Fee (billed upon acceptance)	\$ 300.00
Mandatory International Health Insurance	\$ 38.51
Total Study Abroad billable costs:	\$ 938.51

Program Fee Includes: Program fees and Faculty Support

Estimated Independent Costs - NOT billed to student account

Passport (if you do not already have one)	\$ 165.00
Expedited Passport Fee (may be required if passport ordering is delayed)	\$ 60.00
Round-Trip Airfare from O'Hare International Airport	\$ 2,000.00
Visa - not required for U.S. citizens for entry of up to 90 days	\$ -
Accommodations (20 nights in area hostels and hotels)	\$ 1,200.00
JR Rail Pass (21 days)	\$ 750.00
Program Excursion Costs (subway, busses, historic site entrances, etc.)	\$ 320.00
Additional Meals	\$ 1,000.00
Personal Expenses (does not include travel)	\$ 100.00
Total Independent costs:	\$ 5,595.00

Tuition billed by ISU Student Accounts**

ISU Undergraduate Tuition (2 hours based on 2025-2026 catalog year)	\$ 804.38
Total ISU Tuition:	\$ 804.38

Grant for Accepted Students

The Geography Department will award program participants a grant in the form of funding and paying for the following items: Accommodations, JR Rail Pass, and some Program Excursion Costs.

(\$2,000.00)

Total Estimated Cost of Program Including Grant Funding: \$ 5,337.89

Please note that this itemized budget sheet is a per term estimate accurate at the time of publication and is subject to change. The "Estimated Independent Costs Paid Directly by the Student" section is based on estimates and it addresses basic necessities and light to moderate personal expenses. Costs can fluctuate based on changes in currency exchange rates, tuition and fees increases, varying personal lifestyles, etc.

***Financial Aid:** Financial Aid may be applied to the costs of studying abroad. Students interested in receiving financial aid should contact Office of Financial Aid, Hovey Hall 101, (309) 438-2231.
<http://financialaid.illinoisstate.edu/>

**If financial aid covers your full program cost, no payment is needed. If it covers only part, you must pay the remaining balance by the due date.*

****ISU Tuition:** All students participating in an OIE-sponsored Study Abroad Program are billed for two credit hours of tuition based on the catalog year they first enrolled at ISU. For more information on your tuition rate please visit: <https://studentaccounts.illinoisstate.edu/billing/undergraduate-tuition/>

OIE Study Abroad Withdrawal Policy: Please visit: <https://studyabroad.illinoisstate.edu/cost/withdrawal/>

2026 Tentative Program Dates:

Depart US: May 11
 Arrive: May 12
 Return to US: May 31